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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of October 15, 2007, kindly amend the  
above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims,  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.